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### M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: March 19, 1986  
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SUBJECT: Illinois/R05-8303-01F/IL0252  
Frankfort/Research Farm  
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This site was operated as a research and development center prior to 1971 by the former Swift and Company. The center may have been involved in fresh meat packing and may have experimented with formulations of pesticides and livestock feed. According to a U.S. EPA CERCLA Notification of Hazardous Waste Site, a surface impoundment located on-site was used for disposal of waste between 1962 and 1965 (based on recollection and reasonably available records from Swift and Company). These wastes allegedly consisted of organics, inorganics, solvents, bases, and pesticides.

Swift and Company allegedly changed their name to Swift Independent Packing Company in 1980. Due to the many name changes and divisions that have occurred since the existence of the former Swift and Company, records of past operations at the Research Farm Site are difficult to track down and obtain. Elgin, Joliet and Eastern (EJ&E) Railway Company purchased the land from 1971 to 1972. At this time they leased the property to a private farmer who has farmed the land every year.

According to attorneys who are associated with current divisions of

Swift and Company (including Dennis Gott who completed the 103(c) Form), no specific information is available pertaining to the activities that may have occurred at the site. Mr. Gott stated that the Research Farm Site was reported as it was the company's duty to report its existence. Mr. Gott was directed by a Mr. H. Richard George (an attorney for Swift) to complete the CERCLA Notification. Mr. George stated in a letter to Ecology and Environment, Inc. dated October 23, 1985, that he had discussed the site with Mr. McCabe (Swift and Company General Counsel), and neither he nor Mr. McCabe know anyone connected with the site in question.

There is also allegedly no information on the Research Farm on file at the Swift and Company Engineering Department. James Zelco - Administrator of Environmental Health at the Will County Health Department - stated that he has no recollection of the site and could find no file information in it. Rick Peterson (IEPA-DLPC) also had no additional information on the facility.

The location of the surface impoundment could not be determined during the FIT Site Inspection on October 28, 1985. There is no information available pertaining to the impoundment's depth, diking, or liners. The lack of documentation on specific hazardous waste type, toxicity, persistence, and containment would yield a site migration score of zero. A copy of the 103(c) Form is attached.

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